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# GURGES AND MONARCH HAD "COLD FEET"

## Rodenberg Criticizes Failure to Appear at Anti-Sedition Bill Hearing.

Charges that Attorney General Palmer "had a plain case of cold feet" when he failed to appear yesterday before the House rules committee to explain the measure. He said, adding that the committee today by Representative Rodenberg, republican, Illinois.

Mr. Rodenberg said he did not understand why the Attorney General had not appeared.

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# POPULAR RALLY FOR HOOPER

## Thirty Prominent Citizens, Mainly Republicans, Sign Call to Back Him for Presidency—Sure to Be State Democrats' Choice.

Special Dispatch to The Star.

WASHINGTON, January 23.—A call for popular support of the movement to make Herbert Hoover California's favorite in the presidential race was issued today over the signatures of thirty of the most prominent citizens of the state.

The letter, which was signed by men and women of varying partisan affiliations, stated that the signers were of the belief that Herbert Hoover is pre-eminently qualified to become the next President of the United States.

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Among the signers of the letter are Charles D. Blaney, a member of the state highway commission under the Johnson administration; Herbert A. Cable, past president of the California Federation of Women's Clubs; John B. Prosser, a prominent business publican candidate for governor in 1914; Charles C. Moore, banker of San Francisco; James Muller, labor leader; and others.

Some of the signers were former political opponents of Gov. Hiram W. Johnson; others of them were his supporters. Most of the signers are Republicans.

# PASSENGERS TAKEN OFF POWHATAN

## Northern Pacific Bringing Confidence Expressed, But Them to New York—Due to Arrive Tomorrow.

By the Associated Press. NEW YORK, January 23.—Premier Millerand and members of his cabinet are today considering the attitude of the chamber of deputies which, although it has voted confidence in the government, has shown a certain degree of coldness to the new regime.

There is no indication that the cabinet will resign as a result of yesterday's turbulent session in the chamber, but there are many who believe Jules Steeg, minister of the interior, about whom the storm centered, may surrender his portfolio rather than embarrass the premier in the opening days of his administration.

Considered a Defeat.

M. Millerand's victory upon demanding a vote of confidence, while it has been a majority vote, was considered really to be a defeat, as more than 300 members of the chamber refused to participate in the balloting.

The Powhatan's passengers include eleven women and children, a remainder consisting of 153 Army officers and a party of United States government.

Among the passengers were Col. John M. Dunn and wife, Capt. Oscar B. Ralls, Lieut. Charles E. Smith, Capt. William E. Shipp, Capt. A. S. Western, Capt. G. A. Holiday, Lieut. Edward Goldberg, Lieut. commandeur, Capt. J. P. Thomas, Lieut. commandeur, Mrs. Mary E. Freanster, and two children of San Francisco.

Transfer Without Mishap.

HALIFAX, N. S., January 23.—The transfer of the passengers from the Powhatan to the Northern Pacific steamer last night without any serious mishap under the blaze of powerful searchlights and the aid of state troopers and other ships that were standing by, according to a wireless message received here.

The task, however, was difficult, although the weather was milder and the sea calmer than it had been for many days.

With the arrival of more favorable weather conditions, Capt. Randall of the Powhatan signaled to the steamer to move forward and to attempt the transfer of the passengers to the Northern Pacific.

The tow was halting and precarious, and the transfer was not without mishap.

The fact that his passengers were suffering from cold and exposure and the improvement in weather conditions, it was stated, prompted Capt. Randall to undertake the risk of effecting the transfer by night.

The ship had been without heat or light for more than five days, and as it neared the coast the cold was becoming more intense.

# MOUNTAIN HOTEL BURNS

## North Carolina Resort Was Temporary Barracks for Interned.

FORT SPRINGS, N. C., January 23.—The Mountain Hotel, which was formerly used by interned Germans as a barracks, was completely destroyed by fire here early this afternoon. The flames had made such headway before being discovered that the efforts to save the building were fruitless.

Roosevelt Coin Urged.

Two-Cent Piece as Memorial Proposed by Woman's Association.

# CONSIDERS OF HOOPER

## 30 DAYS RECLASSIFICATION COMMISSION'S PLAN WOULD MAKE ALLOWANCE CUMULATIVE.

Reduction of annual sick leave privileges in the government service from thirty to ten days, with a plan for cumulative sick leave year after year for those who do not take any or all of their sick leave, is under consideration by the joint congressional commission on reclassification of salaries in the District.

Cumulative sick leave would furnish each federal employee with a maximum reason for conserving all the sick leave he could draw, and might have a sort of "sick leave bank account" to draw upon in case he should be taken seriously ill at any time.

Could "Bank" Unused Days.

Under the proposed plan a maximum of 30 days of sick leave in a year would be established, with the privilege of "banking" all days not taken. Thus an employee who had perfect health and was never absent on account of ill health would begin the new year with ten days' sick leave.

At the end of the second year he would have twenty days' sick leave, and at the end of the third year, thirty days' at the end of the fourth year, and so on until the maximum amount, which would be allowed, was reached.

Under proposed plans probably six days would be the maximum amount which any employee might accumulate. After that time his account would stand at sixty days for the remainder of the year.

Average Only Seven Days.

Reduction of the annual sick leave privilege from thirty days to ten days has been proposed on account of the finding by the commission that the average sick leave taken by the government employee here is only seven days.

The whole plan would be safeguarded, under the scheme being considered by the commission, by a system of "banking" sick leave.

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